Cost of Power Per Unit

1822. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the cost of power per unit for industry, agriculture and domestic consumer at present;

(b) how this compare with those which existed at the end of the 7th and the 8th Five Years Plans;

(c) whether cost of power is increasing at a higher rate; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to minimise the cost?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (c) A statement showing present cost of power per unit for typical load (s) for Industrial, Agricultural and Domestic consumers at present and at the end of 7th & 8th Plan alongwith the increase with respect to the end of 7th plan and 8th plan is given in the statement. (*See* below)

(d) As per section 59 of Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 fixation of tariff for different consumers *viz.* industrial, Agricultural, domestic etc. is done by SEBs.

Cost per MW installed has been sought to be minimised by allowing tax concessions etc. for power generation projects.

Statement

Statement Showing Average Cost of Power Per Unit

(in Paise/Unit)

S.No.	TYPE OF CONSUMER	COST/UNIT		INCREASE IN COST/UNIT		
		At the end of 7th Plan (1-4-90)	At the end of 8th Plan (1-4-97)	At Present (8-12-1998)	w.r.t. End of 7th Plan	w.r.t. End of 8th Plan
1.	INDUSTRIAL 10000 Kw. 60% LF (4380000 Kwh/ Month)	109.66	271.69	287.73	178.07	16.04
2.	AGRICULTURAL 5 H.P. 10% LF (272 Kwh/Month)	33.51	67.08	73.04	39.53	5.96
3.	DOMESTIC (100 Kwh/Month)	65.70	114.02	123.18	57.48	9.16

Recommendations of Justice P.N. Bhagwati on National Power Policy

1823. SHRI AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since evolved a National Power Policy, on the basis of recommendations of the Standing independent group on power headed by justice P.N. Bhagwati; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the main recommendations of the group?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) Government has recently recast the policy on development of mega power projects. According to the revised policy, certain project sites, both in the Public as well as Private sector have been identified for setting up such mega projects which would cater to the power needs of more than one state. The standing Independent Group headed by Justice P.N. Bhagwati, Retired Chief Justice of India, would initially be the apex body to oversee implementation of the mega